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SUBJECT: ITALIAN RADIOACTIVITY CONTROLS AT LA MADDALENA

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF THE ITALIAN WIRE SERVICE (ANSA) SUMMARY OF A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH DEALING WITH ITALIAN PLANS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL RADIOACTIVITY CONTROL SERVICE AT LA MADDALENA: QUOTE: ROME, JUNE 11 - THE ENVIRONMENTAL RADIOACTIVITY CONTROL SERVICE AT LA MADDALENA, WHERE U.S. NUCLEAR SUBMARINES STAY, SHALL BE STRENGTHENED - A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH SAYS - IN ORDER TO FOLLOW AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE AND OVER A PERIOD OF TIME THE PHENOMENON OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, IF ANY. A LOCAL CONTROL NETWORK SHALL ALSO BE SET UP THROUGH THE INSTALLATION OF CONTINUED CONTROL SYSTEMS THAT MAY BE OPERATED BY THE LOCAL BODIES CONCERNED, WHICH WILL FOLLOW DIRECTLY ANY POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES. THE INSTALLATION OF THIS CONTROL EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE ECOLOGY OF THE ENTIRE ZONE.

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THE STUDY FOR THE CONTROL SYSTEM AND THE ECOLOGICAL

RESEARCH SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF A PROGRAM AGREED UPON THE "ISTITUTO SUPERIORE DI SANITA" AND BY THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN DIRECTED TO PERFORM THE PRESENT RADIOACTIVITY CONTROL.

SO FAR THE RADIOACTIVITY MEASUREMENTS COLLECTED BY THE CNEN ON SAMPLES TAKEN FROM SEA WATER AT LA MADDALENA DID NOT DISCLOSE ANY SIGNIFICANT FACTORS WITH REGARD TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION.

A SPECIAL COMMISSION OF EXPERTS HAS EXAMINED WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATIONS, MAKING TECHNICAL SUGGESTIONS ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE STRENGTHENING OF THE CONTROL SERVICE AND THE OTHER MEASURES TO BE TAKEN HAVE BEEN DECIDED UPON. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY OFFICERS HAS BEEN INFORMALLY APPRISED OF THE FOREGOING MINISTRY OF HEALTH PLANS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM AT THIS JUNCTURE. IF OUR ASSISTANCE IS FORMALLY REQUESTED, WE WILL REFER SUCH REQUESTS TO WASHINGTON FOR GUIDANCE. REGARDING PARA 3 OF THE ANSA ARTICLE, THE CNEN REPORT PUBLISHED IN THE MAGAZINE NOTIZIARIO (WHICH WE HAVE FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT) ALSO STATES THAT NO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION HAS OCCURRED. VOLPE

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